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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application of ANGELO BENEDETTI  
 FOR: APPARATUS FOR EMPTYING CONTAINERS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCE

## ENCLOSED ARE:

- ☒ 8 sheet(s) of formal drawing(s)  
☐ sheet(s) of informal drawing(s)  
☐ an Assignment of the invention, with required cover sheet, to
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 for the following application(s):  
European No. 02425794.1 filed December 23, 2002  
☐ a certified copy of the aforesaid application is enclosed.  
☒ a certified copy of the aforesaid application will be submitted in due course.  
☐ Associate Power of Attorney enclosed.

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

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BASIC FEE (\$770)

REDUCED FEE (\$385) ☐ Independent Inventor ☒ Small Business Concern \$ 385.00

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status  
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☒ A Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 is enclosed. This check covers:  
☒ the filing fee  
☐ the filing fee and the Assignment recordal fee.  
☒ Other Designation of Inventors, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form and one (1) reference

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